



## School Advisory Council November 28, 2018 - Meeting Minutes

6:15 Opening Prayer

Attendees:

- Father Mark
- Anneliese Degenhart
- Victoria Falls
- Veronica
- Paul Jaskowiak
- Ed Walters
- Carla Cain
- Mike Novak
- Keith Logeman

### SCHOOL NEWS

- New Agenda format--Please read through agenda items and make notes/write questions so our time is spent discussing rather than reading it
- Gala planning update--April 6, 2019 at the DoubleTree
  - Givesmart website is live. to <https://CCCS.givesmart.com> to DONATE and/or PURCHASE Gala 97 Tickets! Or text CCCS to 52182.
  - Used Giving Tuesday to help kick start donations or at least get the word out.
- School theme: Gratitude, sub theme for November: Heroes
- Math teacher update on progress
  - Question about math study hall. Kids need to use Mrs. Hennessey for math study hall.
- Technology teacher update on progress
  - Mr. Tim Esposito (Long Term Sub)
    - Have a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction with an Emphasis in Educational Computing and Technology.
    - I have a K-6 Elementary Education License
    - I have an Instructional Technology (K-12) Endorsement on my Colorado License
    - I have seventeen years' experience teaching Technology Integration,
    - I designed and taught in two computer labs in District 49 elementary schools.

- K-2: Skills Acquisition: [starfall.com](http://starfall.com), [abcya.com](http://abcya.com), and pbskids are some that they currently use, and we will be adding more throughout the year.
- 3-5: Keyboarding: [Keyboarding.com](http://Keyboarding.com) is the one that they are currently using with success.
- 6-8: Computer Aided Simulations and Webquests: The PhET Interactive Simulations Project from the University of Colorado Boulder will be our first several projects.
- Color Sunday: next one is 9 Dec @ Corpus Christi Catholic Church (Any Mass)
  - Student speaker to let parishioners know what is happening at CCCS and invite to coffee and donuts
  - Ushers needed
  - Gift bearers
- Shade Structure dedication update--held Nov. 16, 2018 @ 9:30 a.m.--students attended and Catholic Herald
- Homework philosophy
  - There is supposed to be 10 minutes per grade level; e.g., 3rd grade-30 minutes, 5th grade-50 minutes, etc.
  - If the kids are doing more than that amount, address with teacher first
  - SAC recommended teachers have kids write on homework papers how much time the assignment took so they are able to gauge time for entire class
- School Recognition Program--paired with our Anti-Bullying program, Saddle Up
  - Jonah Berger--author of The Rhythm Within--teachers read book
  - Staff meeting/training on November 14, 2018
  - Wranglers--students who will be peer mentors
  - Positive acts recognized by glass bead which will be recognized at afternoon gathering and eventually build a colt
  - Whole-school gathering with Mr. Berger on November 28, 2018 was very well done.
- Town Hall Meeting Update
  - Address attendance and strategy to get more parental involvement
    - In addition to SAC committee members and HSA representation, only one parent attended
    - More description in E-Blast
    - Personal invitations
    - Involve Encuentro
  - SAC recommended making meeting mandatory for one parent
  - SAC also recommended combining the meeting with the Fall Festival or other event and holding it in the Parish Hall, not the gym

#### ENROLLMENT/MARKETING 18-19

- Advancement Director position update
  - Veronica coming up to speed quickly. Using TeacherEase and TADS regularly, figuring out those systems.

- Very active in the community, spends Thursdays out and meeting with community leaders, businesses to help grow potential donors, families to the school.
- Aiming to update 2019-2020 admissions packet and have it active before Christmas break.
- Other marketing ideas: open houses, networking events (i.e. hosting Leadership Pikes Peak), and items that will drive people to the school. Open up the idea of attending our school.
- Tour update - 8 tours, 6 shadow days, 2 applications for this year, 1 for next school year

#### ATHLETICS

- Basketball season update
  - Athletic fee question: Do coaches pay? In the past “no”...--Coaches will need to pay the \$40 CSAL fee
- Fall sports banquet for Basketball and Volleyball; Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
- Father discussed the idea of obtaining sponsors for each sport to cover fees
- All agreed it would ideal to have sports fees covered, not only for families who need the help, but as a marketing point for the school

#### COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Each committee leader will provide a big picture milestone chart
- Need strategy for filling out committees with parents/parishioners
- BUILDING/GROUNDS COMMITTEE (Eduardo & Paul):
  - Oversees the implementation and incorporate our facilities initiatives to include:
    - 1) New carpeting, painting, and air-conditioning throughout the school;
    - 2) New exterior landscaping and resealing driveways and parking areas;
    - 3) New Capital Reserve Fund to address unforeseen needs.
  - *Next meeting need to discuss the sprinkler systems*
  - *Recommended an official policy and checklist for who uses the school facilities after hours and process for properly caring for the facilities*
- COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (Ed & Keith):
  - Oversees the implementation and initiatives to include:
    - 1) A comprehensive communication and marketing plan, both internally and externally, will be introduced in order to better share the accomplishments of our students and our work toward the success of this Strategic Improvement Plan;
    - 2) Partnership with our Parish in prayer and dialogue will be increased so that students and parishioners are better connected and aware of all that is happening;
    - 3) A database of all alumni will be created so that class reunions may be held to celebrate the living legacy of our school.

- \*\*This committee will also incorporate Marketing, Communications, HAS, and Spirit Week initiatives.
- *Discussed need for committee members before real milestones developed*
- DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Steve, Anneliese):
  - Incorporate our Finance, Fundraising, GALA, Jog-A-Thon, and other initiatives into an overall development plan.
- FAITH COMMITTEE (Joshua):
  - Oversees the implementation of:
    - 1) Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be implemented in all grades;
    - 2) Yearly retreats will be offered to all students;
    - 3) Continuing formation of teachers to be missionary disciples, both spiritually and academically, will be introduced;
    - 4) The presence of Priests and consecrated religious working in our school will be increased.
  - \*\* This committee will also incorporate our Catholic Culture and Liaison-to-other-Parishes initiatives.
- KNOWLEDGE COMMITTEE (Ann, Carla, Victoria):
  - Oversees the implementation of:
    - 1) Our entire curriculum will be posted on-line;
    - 2) Our art, music, and foreign language offerings will be enhanced by greater collaboration with the resources available in the Historic Old North End Neighborhood;
    - 3) Pervasive wireless technology will be updated throughout the school along with the addition of new computers and tablets in every classroom and in the library;
    - 4) Ongoing education for our faculty in differentiated learning and English as a Second Language will be increased.
  - \*\* This committee will also incorporate our Academic, Technology, and Encuentro initiatives.
  - *Discussed how to get curriculum added: dialogue with Principal and Knowledge Committee members*
- LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (Mike):
  - Oversees the implantation of:
    - 1) Ongoing research into best practices of Catholic Schools across the country will be expanded;
    - 2) Our teacher pay-scale will be enhanced in order to attract and retain the best teachers in the city;
    - 3) Our student government involvement will be increased in order to implement all aspects of the Strategic Improvement Plan.

- \*\* This committee will also incorporate our Policies/Handbook and Teacher Liaison initiatives.
- SERVICE COMMITTEE (Steve):
  - Oversees the implementation of:
  - 1) A service project liaison between our school and Parish will be established in order to coordinate all efforts for social gatherings, as well as community service projects;
  - 2) Our partnership with Penrose-St Francis Hospital, Springs Village Nursing Center, Catholic Charities, and the Marian House Soup Kitchen will be broadened and deepened.
  - \*\* This committee will also incorporate our Parents Contact and School Life Initiatives

#### LIAISON UPDATE:

- Encuentro & Teachers - Joshua Sisneros
- Home School Association - Victoria Falls, movie night
- Walkie talkies purchased
- Hanging mics

#### OPEN/OTHER:

- Steve's comments:
- Getting Committee Members (Incentive - Finish Service Hours for the Year)
- Next SAC Meeting: Tuesday 18 Dec @ 6:15pm
  - *RESCHEDULING for Jan or Feb: 2hr SAC Initial Training for those need it following the meeting*
- Next Meeting Drinks & Snacks:
- \*\*\* can the people who haven't attended agree on a date for Holly's (postponed)SAC TRAINING - FR. MARKS HOUSE?

#### AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Budget projections for next fiscal year

#### **UPCOMING CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

#### ONGOING

- Red Strings Beginner (Violin Practice) - Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 3-4 p.m.
- Red Strings Advance (Violin Practice) - Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-4:30 p.m.
- Basketball Practice:
  - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays: 3:00-4:30 p.m.
  - Boys and girls will have one day to themselves
- MathCounts Team - Wednesdays & Thursdays 3-4 p.m. (5th-8th Grade Only)
- Piano Lessons - Wednesdays 3-4 p.m.

- Drama Club - Friday 3 p.m.

## NOVEMBER

- 4th Grade Castle Project Presentations - Thursday, Nov. 29th
- CSAL Basketball Tournament - Thursday Nov 29th-Saturday Dec. 1st
- SMHS Placement Test for 8th Grade Students - Friday Nov 30th
- Anti bullying Wednesday, November 28th

## DECEMBER

- Possibly hosting Boys Basketball Tournament-Sat., Dec. 1st
- HSA Movie Night - Saturday Dec 1st 6:30-8:30pm (Movie is Home Alone)
- St. Nick's Day-Thursday, Dec. 6th
- Kindergarten Nativity Performance - Thursday Dec 6th 1:45 p.m.
- Reconciliation - Friday, Dec. 7th starting at 10 a.m.
- Kindergarten Nativity Performance - Friday Dec 7th 2:00pm
- Colors Sunday @ Corpus Christi Catholic Church - Sunday Dec 9th any Mass
- Winter Benchmark Testing - Dec 10th-20th
- Christmas Program 1st-4th - Tuesday Dec 11th 6:30pm
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass- Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 8:00 a.m. followed by play and pan dulce
- First Friday Guest Speaker (Mr. Nui) - Friday Dec 14th at 2:30pm
- Christmas Formal Dance 6th-8th - Friday Dec 14th from 6-8pm
- UES Training for Teachers- Wedl, Dec. 19th at 3:15 p.m.
- Principal's Meeting-Thursday, Dec. 20th
- End of Second Quarter/Early Release - Friday Dec 21st
- Christmas Holiday - Saturday Dec 22th-Monday Jan 7th

## JANUARY

- Staff Development Day--Restorative Justice
- Classes Resume Tuesday Jan 8
- First Friday Guest Speaker - Friday Jan 11th at 2:30pm
- 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Season Starts Monday Jan 14th
- Martin Luther King Day Monday Jan 21st - School Closed
- National Catholic Schools Week Wednesday Jan 27th - Saturday Feb 2nd

## FEBRUARY

- All Schools Mass @ St Dominic Catholic Church Friday Feb 1st (Early Release)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Thursday Feb 14st (Early Release)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Friday Feb 15th - Schools Closed
- Presidents Day Holiday Monday Feb 18th - Schools Closed
- Iowa Assessments Wednesday Feb 20th - Thursday Feb 28th

7:30 Closing Prayer